

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, July 21, 2020

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

Web-based video conferencing meeting of Board of Health via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

Andrew stated that there are 243 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Marblehead and no recent deaths. There are less than five active cases currently. All of the new cases were from residents who traveled from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. It is very important for residents to self-quarantine for 14 days when coming from or returning from out of state.

The case number is low in Marblehead at this moment. Signs around town that state “social distancing and wear a mask” continue to be a great way to convey the message.

Trash collection pickup has resumed at Devereux Beach. A morning pickup and afternoon pickup is taking place.

The state is in Phase 3 of reopening. There will not be a Phase 4 until an approved vaccine is available.

There is only one camp opened in Marblehead this summer.

Andrew said that several North Shore health directors met with the state to form guidelines for opening schools. In Marblehead, there might be a mix of teaching: at home, in person or hybrid. The Board discussed that they could have their own guidelines if necessary.

Helaine has met with the new superintendent and is on the school reopening committee assisting in helping with the needs of all students and staff returning to school. Michelle will participate on the health and sub safety committee.

New England Mosquito Control comes to town and places mosquito traps that are checked weekly for EEE and West Nile virus. Andrew remarked that dawn and dusk are generally the times when mosquitos are active. Wearing long sleeves and long pants is suggested. Still water is a breeding ground for mosquitos so tip over any containers that have collected water.

MOTION to approve retail establishments in town to use plastic bags until September 1st. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to authorize the lease of a John Deere loader, 624 for seven years in the amount of \$26,079 per year. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to approve the contract for Marblehead Counseling Center in the amount of \$60,000. All in favor and motion passed.

Andrew thanked his staff at the transfer station for all their hard work.

Beach testing has been going well with no beach closures to date.

Andrew located a vendor for hazardous waste collection that will pick up at homes. This collection will take place four times a year.

MOTION to close meeting. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk